

RALEIGH Community PROFILE

Introduction

Raleigh, the Capital City of North Carolina, is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. A great economy, top universities, and outstanding health care facilities are some of the attributes that attract people to the triangle area. The mild climate, diverse work force and proximity to Research Triangle Park (RTP) combine to make Raleigh a great place to live.

Population

City of Raleigh.....342,194 (est. July 2005)
Planning Jurisdiction.....372,438 (est. July 2005)
Wake County.....749,989 (2005)
North Carolina.....8,663,674 (est. July 2005)

The City of Raleigh population characteristics:

- 63.3% white (2000 census)
- 36.7% other racial groups (2000 census)
- 3.87 persons per acre population density in the corporate limits.
- 541,895 persons projected in year 2025

Geography

Land Area: (July 2005)

City of Raleigh.....133.35 square miles
Planning Jurisdiction.....182.32 square miles
Wake County.....858 square miles

Elevation.....434 feet above sea level
Average annual high.....70.7 F
Average annual low.....49.9 F
Average annual precipitation.....44.19 inches
Average annual snowfall.....4.5 inches

Taxes

Assessed Valuation FY 05-06 projected:
\$31,473,000,000

City Tax Rate: \$.395 per \$100 of assessed value
County Tax Rate: \$.604 per \$100 of assessed value
Total: \$.999 per \$100 of assessed value

City Government

Council/Manager form of government

City Budget 2005-2006: \$457,436,351
Per Capita Expenditure: \$1,391
Municipal Service Cost for \$200,000 home: \$1,264.78

5-yr Capital Improvement Program: \$643 million

- 46% Utilities
- 16% Transportation
- 10% Parks
- 20% General Public Improvements
- 3% Housing
- 5% Stormwater

AAA Credit Rating by Standard & Poors,
Moody's and Fitch IBCA.

Public Safety

Police (2005-2006):

7 stations
2.21 sworn officers per 1000 population

Fire (2005-2006):

27 stations
1.59 firefighters per 1000 population

Raleigh-Wake 911 Emergency Center -78 employees

Parks and Recreation

112 city parks
22 staffed centers
9 non-staffed programmed centers
2 art centers
112 tennis courts at 25 locations
8 public swimming pools
79 open space areas
8,101 acres of parks and greenways
54 miles of greenways

Utilities

(number of customers served)

Water & Sewer: City of Raleigh.....123,936
Electricity: Progress Energy.....160,844
Natural Gas: Public Service Gas Co.75,620
Cable TV: Time Warner Cable..... 79,150

Raleigh Municipal Water & Sewer Capacity:

Water Treatment Capacity	80.0 MGD
Water Treatment Utilization	46.8 MGD

Wastewater Treatment Capacity	60.0 MGD
Wastewater Utilization	45.5 MGD

Education/Enrollment (2004-2005)

North Carolina State University	29,637
Shaw University	2,711
St. Augustine's College	1,395
Meredith College	2,169
Wake Technical College	16,414
Peace College	701

Wake County Public Schools Enrollment-114,068
Persons over 25 years of age with:

High School Diploma or higher.....89.3%
Bachelor's Degree or higher.....43.9%
(source: 2000 census)

Transportation

Raleigh-Durham International Airport (2004)

8.6 million Passengers incoming & departing
113,000 tons of cargo handled
Take offs and landings 77,274
Passengers (daily) 23,500
Cargo tonnage handled (daily) 309

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9 Major Airlines: 12 Regional Carriers
 American Airlines Independence Air
 American West Northwest
 Air Canada Southwest
 Air Tran United
 Continental U S Airways
 Delta

Amtrak.....113,000 passengers yearly;
 6 trains daily serving Raleigh
 CSX Railroad
 Norfolk Southern Railroad

Capital Area Transit (CAT)-City Bus System
 56 buses; 14 connector buses
 25 fixed routes, 1 on demand connector zone
 3.7 million riders per year
 Triangle Transit Authority-Regional Bus System
 67 total buses: operates 48 during rush hr service
 226,954 riders per year in Raleigh area

Media

Area Television Stations: WRAL-5 CBS, WTVD-11
 ABC, WNCN-17 NBC, WRAZ-50 FOX, WLFL-22 WB,
 WRDC-28 UPN, WUNC-4 PBS, WRMY-47,
 Community Access Ch-10, Time Warner Cable
 Channel 14
 23 Area Radio Stations
 Newspapers
 Daily: The News and Observer
 Weekly: Triangle Business Journal
 Triangle Business Weekly
 The Independent
 The Carolinian
 The Spectator

General Information

Hospitals: (approx. 1847 beds)
 Rex
 Wake Medical Center
 Raleigh Community Hospital
 Wake County Public Libraries: 9
 Hotels/Motels: 120 (13,650 rooms)
 Places of Worship: 250+
 Financial Institutions: approx.150 locations

Visitors

est. 11.5 million Raleigh visitors in 2004

Development

Value of Construction Authorized - 2004
 Raleigh.....\$1,319,440,632
 Wake County.....N/A

Residential Lots or Units Approved - 2004
 Raleigh.....4,796
 5 Year Average.....4,151

Commercial Building Permit Value - 2004
 Raleigh.....\$200 Million
 5 Year Average.....\$230 Million

Housing

(Corporate Limits)
 Single Family Units..... 52.0%
 Multi-family Units.....48.0%

Total Housing Units (July 2005).....150,209

Median Contract Rent.....\$661
 Average Home Sale Price.....\$205,195
 (source: ACCRA 4th Qtr. 2004)

Employment

Employment by Place of Work
 Wake County
 Manufacturing.....21,451.....5.8%
 Mining & Construction.....30,450.....8.0%
 Transportation
 Communications &
 Public Utilities.....77,795.....24.4%
 Finance, Insurance, &
 Real Estate.....22,540.....5.4%
 Services.....167,056.....38.4%
 Government.....72,796.....18.0%
 TOTAL.....392,088.....100%
 (source: ESC quarter ending 9/3/2004)

Average Annual Unemployment Rates

	as of 3/2005	5 Yr. Average
Raleigh	3.8%	4.0%
Wake County	4.0%	3.6%
N.C.	5.2%	5.6%
U.S.	5.4%	5.2%

Estimated Raleigh Employment.....1995: 180,676
 Projected Raleigh Employment.....2025: 324,833

Economic Characteristics

	2003-2004	5 Yr. Average
Gross Retail Sales		
Raleigh	\$7.82 billion	\$7.33 billion
Wake County	\$13.42 billion	\$12.39 billion

Raleigh % of Wake County sales: 58 percent

Wake Co. Per Capita Income (2003).....\$35,864
 State Per Capita Income (2004).....\$29,246

MSA Median Family Income.....\$69,800
 (MSA= Metropolitan Statistical Area for Raleigh-Durham Region)

This Community Profile was prepared by the City of Raleigh Research and Analysis Section. For more information, please call (919)516-2626 or visit the City of Raleigh Web Site at www.raleighnc.gov

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